



## The Freedmen's Book

by Lydia Maria Child (1802-1880)

Lydia Maria Child, an American abolitionist, compiled this collection of short stories and poems by former slaves and noted activists as an inspiration to freed slaves. In her dedication to the freedmen, she urges those who can read to read these stories aloud to others to “share the strength, courage and accomplishments of colored men and women.” In that spirit, this recording aims to give that voice a permanent record.



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Illustration of freed slaves coming into Union lines in North Carolina after the Emancipation Proclamation, from *Harper's Weekly*, 1863

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